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## CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.

A Nihilist Tells why the Czar was Assassinated.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The Herald reports an interview with the nihilist correspondent of the Springfield Republican here, than whom it says there are probably few if any living in this country more familiar with the deep laid schemes of the nihilists to overthrow the Russian government. He traces the assassination of the czar to the latter's refusal of demands personally made upon him by a nihilist delegation to whom he granted a clandestine interview. At this meeting he was addressed in substance as follows: "Give to the Poles what you promised, and your father and uncle before you, — a constitution. And not only to the Poles but to the whole nation. An article that is good for exportation ought to be doubly good for home consumption. It was good for Russia in your eyes to spend millions of money and to sacrifice tens of thousands of lives in order to obtain a constitution for Bulgaria and independence to Roumania, and it ought to be good for Russia. It is in your power to become really the father of the people as you are styled. Grant a constitution and you will establish forever the Romanoff dynasty and be beloved by your people like the Austrian emperor." In the characteristic manner of his family he answered: "Not during my lifetime, or after me if I can help it." Upon this they left him and you see the result.

Much interest will be felt by the tobacco growers of this country in the progress of the scheme devised by Prince Bismarck for the establishment of a tobacco monopoly in Germany. Should he succeed in carrying out his project in spite of the vigorous opposition which he must encounter, it is claimed by some that the trade of this country would be injured. The argument advanced in support of this opinion is that Germany takes more of our leaf tobacco than any other country, having imported from the United States in the fiscal year 1879 112,098,952 pounds, valued at \$8,108,814. Very low prices were paid, and should the manufacture be monopolized by the government, competition among the purchasers being removed, the prices might be forced down still further. This is a pessimist view that we do not share. With France, where government monopoly exists, our trade has not assumed the same proportions as with Germany for the simple reason that the fragrant weed among the peasantry is not so much in favor in the first as in the last country, and that the French soil is better adapted to the growth of the inferior grades of leaf tobacco. Both in proportion to its amount, it is certainly more profitable. However that may be, it seems certain now that Prince Bismarck will carry his point, the necessity of raising taxes by indirect methods overcoming any obstacles that a powerful industry, supported by large numbers of the German people, may endeavor to interpose.

Some say that it is no use for them to advertise, that they have been in the place in business all their lives, and everybody knows them. Such people seem to forget to take in consideration that our country is increasing in population nearly 40 per cent. every ten years, and no matter how old the place may be, there are constant changes taking place; some move to other parts, and strangers fill their places. In this age of the world, unless the name of a business firm is kept constantly before the public, some new firm may start up, and by liberal advertising, in a very short time take the place of the older ones, and the latter rust out, as it were, and be forgotten. No man ever lost money by judicious advertising.

## Foreign Trade of New York.

Next to the commerce of the nation in 1880, the foreign trade of New York is an object of commanding interest. Its magnitude and constant growth may be inferred from the fact that the total amount of foreign imports during the seven months ending January 31, 1881, including specie, was \$316,855,874, against the following aggregate for the corresponding periods ending January 31, in the year hereafter named, to wit: \$207,125,755 in 1880, \$174,441,820 in 1879, \$176,672,496 in 1878, and \$174,633,789 in 1877. For the same periods of the past three years the exports from New York to foreign ports, including specie, were, respectively, as follows: \$256,788,184 in 1881, \$227,336,137 in 1880, and \$205,060,076 in 1879. The customs receipts at this port for the seven months ending January 31 increased from \$56,227,799 in 1879 to \$71,231,758 in 1880, and \$80,166,101 in 1881. These figures speak so eloquently that any comment is superfluous. The foreign trade of New York alone has reached in seven months a total amount of more than \$573,000,000, which is larger than the total foreign trade of the United States in 1865. It must be borne in mind that, during the last ten years, this city has also grown to be the largest manufacturing centre in the country, the value of the annual products of her factories being now more than \$400,000,000. As regards her trade with the interior, we must await the census returns to give correct figures, but we may conceive an idea of its extent from the fact that she occupies, as distributor of domestic wealth, a position scarcely less commanding than as an agent of international exchange. Before leaving this subject, we must observe that the severe winter has greatly affected the movement of goods. Considerable quantities of grain were prevented from reaching this port by early closing of navigation, while the fearful condition of our streets has materially interfered with the shipment of goods. Yet, the exports from New York in January, exclusive of specie, were \$30,264,919 this year against \$25,416,566 in 1880, and \$22,559,556 in 1879. On the other hand, the imports, including \$4,723,427 in specie, were only \$36,085,359 in January this year against \$40,897,154 in the same month of 1880, when the imports of specie were only \$875,038; so that, with nearly four million dollars increase of specie, the total imports at this port were still nearly five millions less than in January of last year.

What has become of the prediction that the balance of trade would soon turn against us? The flow of precious metals from Europe to America is as great as ever, and since our mines are constantly producing, there will soon be in this country a plethora of money which will afford the alarmists an opportunity to give vent to their eloquence in a direction somewhat contrary to the usual one. The singular phenomenon should, however, be noted, that the reserves of our banks do not reflect the extent of this increase in our metallic treasure. Most of it apparently finds its way into the pockets and stockings of old women in the western and southern states, and a few years will find our people as well provided with a circulating medium out of circulation as the French peasantry.

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## Fraud Exposed in Mother Shipton's Prophecy.

Try Times.

"An Anxious Mother" writes to the New York Tribune begging it to stop printing stories about the world coming to an end, the conjunction of the different planets, Mother Shipton's predictions and Professor Smyth's book entitled "The great Pyramid," all pointing to this year as the termination of terrestrial life, which he says seriously frighten children and credulous adults. The Tribune soothes the lady as follows: "Astronomers of the highest reputation have pronounced the predictions based upon planetary conjunctions asarrant moonshine. Professor Smyth's book contains no prediction that is not based on approximations so elastic as to be little more than systematic guesswork. The pyramid weights and measures can be made to prove anything which an imaginative calculator wishes. For instance, one of the latest treatises, after interpreting a verse from the Old Testament as distinctly foreshadowing the United States, with the national flag accurately symbolized, makes one of the pyramid measures the base of the 'dollar of our daddies.' Our correspondent probably reads her New Testament, and can find in the gospels the distinct declaration: 'Of that day and that hour knoweth no man; no, not the angels which are in heaven,' and can surely satisfy herself and her children that Mother Shipton's prophetic intuitions are as the aerial flights of the old woman in the nursery rhyme who sweeps the cobwebs from the skies." The Tribune might have added that most of Mother Shipton's prophecies as now currently circulated are the veriest humbug out. There was a veritable Mother Shipton and she made what was called a prophecy in the last century, when mere credence was given to such things. A few years ago a Baltimore paper reprinted the prophecy, but a mischievous printer interpolated all that part which relates to 1881, and the remarkable inventions of the present day. Since then the second edition has been floating around and will probably continue to float until 1881 is passed, when it will disappear, to turn up years hence with still later additions to conform it to later circumstances of the world's history.

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---A contemporary says: A news paper and a newspaper editor that people don't talk about and sometimes abuse are rather poor conversers. The news and business that an editor sometimes feels it a duty to defend at a risk of unpopularity of another class, are often the very first to show ingratitude. The editor who expects to receive much praise or gratitude will soon find out his mistake; but he should go ahead and say and do what he conscientiously thinks right without regard to frowns or smiles.

---The free lands of the west are being taken up and settled this year to a degree most gratifying, in the face of the over-crowded mechanical departments of metropolitan life. Several millions more acres of homesteads have been entered for settlement at the various land offices this year than in the past year, and still the western movement continues in force. And this is the only solution of the labor troubles. Let the unemployed come and become producers instead of consumers.

---We see how life gets comeled at our mind, so that the world somehow wears the stamp of the die cut into our hearts. We know how a piece of good fortune brightens the air; how some impending evil puts the edge of a spiritual eclipse upon the sun; how suddenly ill fortune in business will seem to make the very springs of beauty bankrupt; how the sickness of a dear friend turns nature pallid; how the death of one whom we love will convert all the trees to cypresses and the music of the universe becomes a requiem; but how can you expect your city to prosper if you do not patronize the local press? How can you succeed as a merchant, or a manufacturer, and not advertise?

## Shooting.

The last issue of the London Graphic contains a picture of a man in Ireland showing his wife how to shoot with a revolver. It is a pity some one would not show Americans how to work that universal instrument in this country. A man in Chicago shot a burglar and took off two of his own fingers. A Philadelphia man fired at a mad dog and hit an inoffensive policeman sleeping in a doorway. A man in Galveston, Texas, tried to shoot a runaway horse, but hit a bricklayer working on the second story. A Baltimore man shot at a cat and shattered a \$150 plate-glass window. A New York man shot at a woman three times, hit her once, took a spectator in the leg next time, split a kerosene lamp at the third shot, setting fire to the building and giving three fire engines two hours' work. Won't some one teach the young idea how to shoot?

The Shoe and Leather Reporter says: "Of course, as Christians we ought all to hope that it is not true that the statistics of the Dominion fisheries were deliberately and systematically falsified for the purpose of swindling the people of this country in the award, but it would be expecting too much of human nature to ask us not to chuckle inwardly with the hope that it is true. From time out of mind our British cousins have amused themselves with the idea that a certain callous and cynical dishonesty which prides itself in over-reaching honest people in making bargains was a trait of the Yankee character, and one of the signs by which the Yankee nation might be known. It must be admitted that we have occasionally rendered ourselves liable to the imputation, for we certainly did fleece our good friends, the Japanese, in the indemnity we exacted for the attack on our gunboats at Simonsaki, and our attitude is peculiar to say the least, in the matter of the Geneva award, having proved our damages in order to get the money, but being utterly unable to find the parties damaged when it comes to pay the money. But we have never willfully falsified evidence nor based our claims to compensation on forged documents, and if Professor Hind's statements are true, the recipients of the award do not occupy an enviable position."

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